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President's Report - Tim Nuss

By the time everyone gets a chance to look at the fall newsletter we will be way into bow season. I know a lot of you have already been to lots of fantastic areas and spent all spring and summer preparing for your adventures. I hope that you will be able to share some of the ways you prepared for your hunts, where you hunted, about the research that you did into the place that you hunted. It would be wonderful if you were able to tell us about the adventure from beginning to the end.

Keep in mind that our 2021 United Bowhunters of Illinois banquet is only about 5 months away. We started planning for it just after our 2020 banquet in March. We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to attend. The Date is going to be Saturday March 6th, 2021. It will be held at the same great Northfield Inn and Suites in Springfield, Illinois. I am incredibly pleased to announce that Gene Hopkins has agreed to be our keynote speaker. He will have a fantastic display room set up with some of the most amazing archery related items from the past and great stories to go with each of them. He will be doing a daytime seminar and the keynote presentation the night of the banquet.

Our long-time friend and club member Jason Wesbrock has agreed to be one of our daytime speakers. I can tell you right now that Jason's seminar will have lots of information in it. Jason never fails to amaze me with his knowledge and willingness to share it so he might help others.

We will be getting the information out as soon as possible so you can add it to your calendar.

I hope everyone checks out the U.B.I. Facebook page, Web site, and our Instagram site. This will keep you up to date on UBI events.

2020 has not been a good year for event planning. We have had more cancelled than have been held. If anyone has any ideas for an all traditional event, please let me know. I am working on several all traditional 3D shoots from one end of the state to the other. These are a lot of fun and gives everyone a change to meet new people that enjoy our sport. It is also nice to see our club members and helps us to keep connected as well.

I hope that 2021 will be better and can get back to having events like we have had in the past.

Looking forward to seeing and hearing from all of you any time we can.

Tim Nuss

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Vice President's Report - Bob Mayo

We had a great time at the Blackhawk traditional shoot in August. It was the only traditional shoot we were able to attend this year. The weather was good, and the Saturday night dinner was great. The club had three courses set up, with their classic targets on one of them. And best of all, we got to see some of our UBI friends that we hadn't seen all year long. We have been going to the shoot for 20 years now, and always have a great time.

As I write this, I'm looking forward to the UBI Region 3 Rendezvous at Wolf Creek State Park at Lake Shelbyville. Ron and Karen Hayford always put a lot of effort into making it a really enjoyable event. It will be history by the time you read this, I'm sure all of us that attend will have a really good time.

Jan and I are planning a hunting and camping trip down at the Pine Hills area of the Shawnee National Forest, this November as usual.

We have gotten the official word from Bob at Great Northern Bowhunting, that the Kalamazoo Traditional Archery Expo will go on as scheduled January 29 – 31, 2021. He has got some good speakers lined up, Monty Browning, Fred Eichler and Rod Jenkins.

I hope everyone has a safe and successful hunting season, and hope to see you all at the UBI banquet March 6, 2021, if not before.

Bob Mayo



New Director Bio - Garrett Feik

My name is Garrett Feik, I'm 26 years old and currently live in Reynolds, Illinois. I am engaged to my absolute best friend in the world, Katelyn Muhlenburg, and we are set to be married next June. Katelyn works in supply chain management for a company located in Moline, IL and has been there since 2018 when she graduated from Western Illinois University in Macomb. I too studied at WIU and graduated in May, 2016 with a degree in Ag Business and Agronomy. Since then I have worked for Remington Seeds across several locations in Illinois, Iowa, and North Dakota. Currently, I am the Field Operations Manager at the Geneseo, IL site.

I have been involved with hunting and traditional archery for most of my life. My dad, Richard Feik, built me my first bow the spring I turned 3. It was carved out of a short stave of osage and backed with bullsnake skin. Throughout my youth I would stalk the yard hunting birds and ground squirrels with stick and string. As I grew and matured Dad would continue to present me with new challenges and responsibility. It was all part of the apprenticeship I was unknowingly working through. It wasn't without challenge, but soon enough I was enjoying success hunting my two most beloved species, whitetails and wild turkeys. Hunting to me is not a "hobby" or a "sport", it is truly a way of life and a major part of who I am. I am either actively hunting or preparing for season all year long. I have always looked for the next attainable challenge and for the last 7 or 8 years that has been limiting myself to only killing mature whitetails. I have been fortunate enough to tag a handful of very nice deer during those years, all with modern archery equipment.

I was born in 1994, one year prior to the inception of the United Bowhunters of Illinois. My early years were filled with time spent among UBI members at various gatherings. Dad and I went to shoots and rendezvous all over the state and beyond. We attended UBI squirrel hunts, deer hunts, and rarely missed the annual banquet. I consider these to be some of my fondest childhood memories and these experiences and people were instrumental in fostering my passion for archery, bowhunting, and wildlife. It is now my time to step up and get involved and give back to the United Bowhunters of Illinois. I want to help ensure that youths (including my children someday) have the same opportunities to experience traditional archery, and the community, as I did growing up.



Being a younger member of our organization, it is my intent to bring a different perspective and perhaps introduce fresh ideas for consideration. Our traditional archery world is changing, which I believe to be for the better, and we need to be ready to evolve with those changes. Traditional archery is gaining traction and there are many people out there that are searching for exactly what the UBI has to offer. I am very much looking forward to working with each member to help promote the UBI and further our cause. I have a lot to learn and I am excited to be a part of a group that will continue to help me grow as a traditional bowhunter and as an individual. For those of you who have questions or would like to get to know me further, do not hesitate to reach out by call or email.

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Director's Report - Nancy Norris

Our 3D archery season is now wrapped up. The 3D shoots are over, however I know this is the beginning of everyone's deer hunting. Sitting by the campfire telling and listening to stories is always enjoyed, of course having a smore is also a nice part of the experience.

Danny and Joshua have been doing a lot of fishing. The last week of September Danny caught a 6 lb 7 oz bass at Ferne Clyffe State Park. Both Danny and Joshua have been squirrel hunting, and Danny has been scouting the public lands where he will hunt. He's been very busy but I do get to see him once in a while. Joshua has told Danny that this year he wants to go deer hunting with his bow. He's a pretty good shot, but you never know what will happen once that adrenaline kicks in! I remember the first time I drew on a deer and I thought I hit it, but we found my arrow buried in the leaves. I shot just a few inches low.

In late September before deer season began, Danny and I drove to Lake Shelbyville for the day. Danny wanted to check out possible hunting sites for this year's rendezvous in Region 3. We had a nice relaxing drive and he was able to revisit his spots from last year. He is feeling confident, and we are both anxious for the UBI Region 3 Rendezvous at Lake Shelbyville.

In the Winter edition of the UBI Newsletter last year, I was able to put together a list of many Traditional Archery Competitions. I will work on that again for our Winter edition in 2020. Please send me information you have about a shoot for 2021. It may seem early to think about this while you are deer hunting, however it takes quite a bit of time to put together this information.

Also, one last plug for our Website. We need help in getting our website more exposure. When you have time, please search for unitedbowhuntersofillinois.com. The more hits our website gets, will ensure that others will be able to find us easier.

Nancy Norris

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Treasurer's Report - Jan Mayo

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Michael Wiltse	UBI Summer Newsletter	476.26
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The above is a true and accurate accounting of Income and Expenses incurred by the United Bowhunters of Illinois for the Third Quarter, 2020, commencing July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020. Any questions or concerns can be addressed to me at my email address: jan@acearcherytackle.com

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Mayo, Treasurer

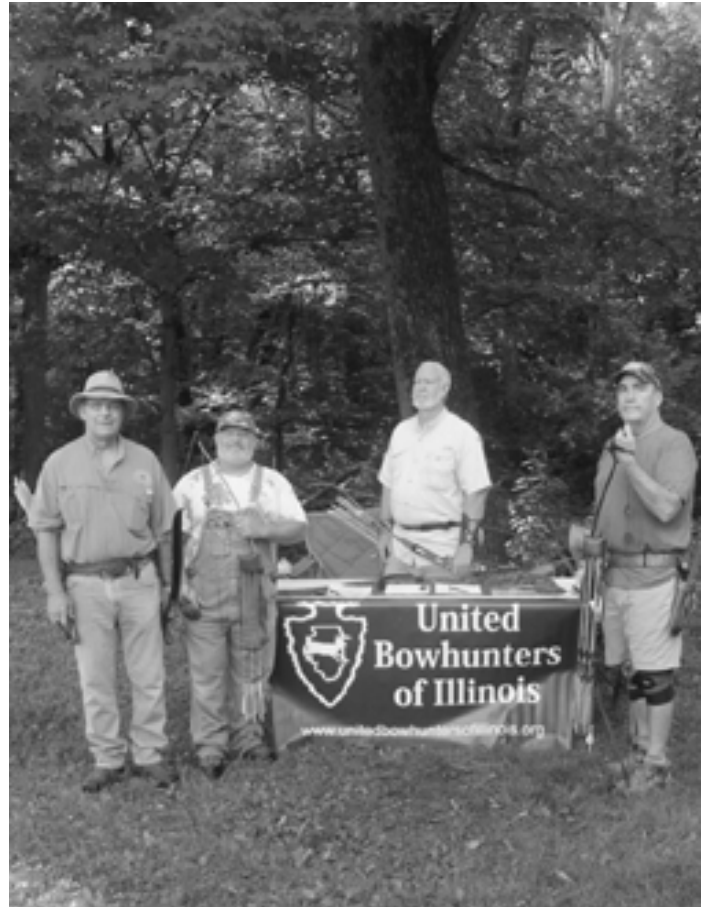
Region 2 Report - Dan Forystek

Joliet Archery club hosted our summer shoot again this year and about the time I thought it could not be better they outdid themselves again by donating all the funds generated for the event to the U.B.I. On top of that Mike Roberts from Saulk Trail Archery donated another one of the beautiful quiet flat shooting bows he makes and after collecting the money for all the chances sold in the raffle he also donated it all to the U.B.I. It was a pleasure to see all the old and new friends that came from near and far.

Drew Mason who works his tail off keeping track of all that goes on out there will be retiring and moving up to Wisconsin soon and we wish him the best but his good nature and sense of humor will surely be missed. I'm happy to say his brother Bob will still be around to hold the fort down along with Brian Peterocelli And Kevin Kucera . In the event anyone gets hungry Terry is never far from the grill to whip a burger or dog to perfection.



It was really nice to see a young lady, Amelia (Milly) Knott out there shooting her recurve bow with her Mom . She had excellent form and when her Dad showed up later he said it was her choice to shoot a recurve.



I would like to thank Joliet Archery Club and Mike Roberts for their generosity and welcome to all the new members. I know some of you were going out west for Elk , good luck we hope to see pic's and your stories on the pages of this news letter.

Happy Hunting to All,

Dan Forystek

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Joliet Archery Club

thank Tim Nuss & Dan Forystek from United Bowhunters of Illinois (UBI) and Mike Roberts from Sauk Trail Archery for approaching me 3 years ago with the idea of hosting a Traditional only shoot.

Over the course of the last 3 years we have shared in so much fun, stories and comradery, which leads to many memories. Next year we will look back on this year and share a lot of laughs as usual.

Each year Mike Roberts of Sauk Trail Archery has been generous enough to offer up a bow of his creation to be raffled off. This year's winner was Ron Jack. Last year's winner, Kevin Kucera has now become a convert and I think he's hooked. Until last year when he won the raffle, Kevin had never really shot a traditional bow. At this year's event, I couldn't keep him off the course. It is truly refreshing to see a newcomer get so fired up and excited about something I myself am so passionate about.

I would also like to thank my Joliet Archery Team, without whom this event would not be possible. They selflessly donate their time and energy to make these events possible.

I can't wait for next year's event and years to come. We have already started planning for it.

Drew Mason

Vice President

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Region 5 Report - Randall Beasley

My bow broke!!

One week before a Colorado elk hunt, my favorite 1988 (era) Bear takedown bow riser broke. I was at full draw one instant, and in the next, the bow was in two pieces on the ground. For a day or two I was in shock and really did not know how to feel or what to do about this bow breaking. But I had a decision to make. Should I cancel the trip? I decided a backup bow was necessary regardless whether I made the trip to Colorado. Unfortunately, I only had three takedown left-hand risers: the broken one, a Satin model purchased new in 1998, and a magnesium riser from 1971. The only other left-handed bows in my collection were for kid's. While the 1998 bow was ready to go, the metal riser was not set up properly with the correct limbs, string, or quiver. The quiver being the most important item. The metal riser needed a bow-quiver. With a little work and some luck, I was able to fit my newer style quiver on the old metal riser. Now, I had a backup bow. Everyone knows you must take two bows on any hunting trip if space and weight limits allow.



After considering these possible reasons, I returned to my initial thought, which was the design of the arrow shelf. Since Fred Bear shot off his knuckle, he cut the shelf down very low so the arrow would rest on his hand instead of the bow. In one of his books, he commented that he could not shoot a bow wearing gloves partially because a glove causes the arrow to rise higher than normal and effect the arrow flight and shot placement. This bow had an arrow shelf cut very low. The arrow rested just above my hand, no more than one-fourth of an inch. I think that all of these are factors in this bow coming apart. I cannot change previous actions, but maybe with my next bow I can do better. My next favorite bow will be the 2020 50th anniversary B-riser in Black Maple which is currently on backorder. I am hopeful that this new Fred Bear takedown will last at least 30 years too.

Randall Beasley

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Now why did my favorite bow break? I may never know the answer, but I have some thoughts. Since, the bow was not purchased new, it may have been abused by the previous owner. However, over the years of shooting the bow, a few bowstrings have broken, some arrow knocks have broken, and some arrows have slipped off the string. As you know, all these result in a dry fire, which can harm bow limbs, bows-bow risers, or bow shooters. This could be a reason the bow riser broke. It might have been that I kept the bow strung 24/7 for years, only unstringing it to change bow limbs, replace bowstrings, or wax bowstrings. Currently, Illinois law requires either unstringing, locking the string or bow, or casing the bow when transporting in a vehicle. While I use a bow case, I was almost always careful not to leave any bow inside a hot car. Well almost never. Perhaps, this may have been the reason the bow broke. What about the adhesive bow saddle I installed on the bow? Did that adhesive effect the wood in the bow and cause it to break? Another cause could relate to the way the bow was made. Was its wood properly treated when converting it to what Bear Archery calls "Future wood"?



Region 1 Report - Denny Hayford

2021 Region 1 Stump Shoot

We are already looking forward to the 2021 Stump Shoot. There are some ideas we are kicking around like a night coon shoot and the floating balloon (see Jered's post on The UBI Campfire). We are tentatively planning for April 17 for this event. We will have more information at the banquet March 6th.

Ready for season

With this covid thing I've been having more time to prepare for this season. Food plots are in and trail cams are letting me know the health and numbers of my local deer. As there is nothing exceptional showing up this year on the cams I may choose to hunt other locations more. I am concerned about the odd shapes of many of the racks I'm seeing. Ordinarily most bucks in my area are very symmetrical 8 pts but this year has produced a lot of deformities.

Arrow tuning has been very interesting. I have a 48# Blacktail that I've had a great deal of trouble getting good arrow flight with. I had mentioned it to someone at Blacktail and they said the bows are designed to shoot a very heavy arrow. After trying several different spined sets of wood arrow I picked out a set of 75-80 spine weight arrows with 190 grain heads and what do you know. They hit where I expected them to. Also they weighed in at over 600 grains. The most interesting thing about these arrows is that I had made and sold them to John Krohn years ago and had just recently purchased them back from his wife Mary. John passed away this spring. I am hoping to take a deer with them this season in John's memory.

Be safe, hunt hard, shoot straight.....

Best Regards,

Denny Hayford

Region 1 Representative

Region 4 Report - Gilbert Best

The fall hunting season of 2020 will be in full swing as you read this report. I hope all of my UBI friends will be safe and successful.

The 2021 Banquet is in the making. It is just five months away-- March 6, 2021. So many things have changed since the last banquet, that there is a side of me asking, "What if?" "I am not usually in this kind of mindset, but after what we have experienced this year I wonder if normalcy will ever come back.

I think it is important that if you have any thoughts or ideas that could help, if we needed to move to a "plan B", it is important that

you share your ideas with any of the region reps as well as any board member. I am a like -to-be-prepared kind of person so please think about those contingency plans.

I am thinking positive! Think about your donations to the auction and or raffles and anything **you** can do to make our banquet even better.

Stay safe. Hunt many hours. Enjoy your hunts!

Gilbert

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Region 3 Report - Ron Hayford

We are still on for the Region 3 Rendezvous this fall at Wolf Creek State Park at Lake Shelbyville on October 15, 16, 17, 18 of 2020. Due to the Covid thing, we will not have the potluck on Saturday night. We will instead have a catered meal served safely with proper social distancing in effect. We may have to sit a little farther apart around the campfire, but really not much else will change. If you are looking for a place to go this fall, come spend the weekend at Wolf Creek state Park. You will not need a camping reservation. The park superintendent has set aside a large number of campsites for us on a first come basis. You just pay when you have picked a spot.

We are trying to help the family of fellow UBI member John Krohn. His wife Mary is at a loss as to what to do with a lifetime of archery related items. We will have many of the things for sale at the rendezvous. I hope you will consider chipping in and buying something of his. I plan to hunt this fall with a quiver and a set of his arrows as a tribute to his dedication to archery and the UBI. The items I have include equipment, bows, arrows, and books. I will include a partial list. Equipment includes: arrow spine tester, continuous loop string making jig, aluminum arrow straightener, Bitzenburg fletching jigs with right and left wing clamps, little chopper 5 inch shield right wing, tape on bow fishing reel and fiberglass fishing arrow. The left-handed bows are Jeffery 60 inch 35 #, Bear Super Grizzley 58 inch 45#, and Howatt Balboa 58 inch 45#. The right-handed bows are a York Crescent 64 inch 28#, Jeffery 66 inch 33#, Wing Thunderbird 54 inch 55#, Shakespeare Ne-

cedah 58 inch 54#, and a Pearson Hunter II 7085 58 inch 45/50#. We also have some youth fiberglass bows. Arrows- some bare shafts by the dozen which are mostly heavy ie. 90-100#. If you know someone looking for some good heavy cedar wooden shafts let them know about these. We also have several sets of six fletch Flu Flu arrows, a six arrow set in a bow quiver with Ace broadheads, and many more odd lots of 3, 4, 5, or 6 arrow sets. Come look them over. Finally, we have about 40 books. I will list some but not all of the titles- Archery Tackle by Adolph Shane, Whitetail Tactics with Recurves and Longbows by Jim Hamm, Buckskin and Bone (Post Graduate Whitetails) signed by Gene Wensel, The Traditional Way by Fred Anderson, Instinctive Shooting II by G. Fred Asbell, Longbow by Robert Hardy, The Bentstick by Paul Comstock, Bowhunters Digest by C.R. Learn, Traditional Archery by Sam Fadala, Become the Arrow signed by Byron Ferguson, The Bowyears Craft by Jay Massey, Behind the Bow by Blair Peterson, Fred Bear- Biography of an Outdoorsman by Charles Kroll, I Remember Papa Bear by Dick Lattimer, Fred Bear's Field Notes by Fred Bear, Wild Adventure by Howard Hill, Hunting the Hard Way by Howard Hill, The Witchery of Archery by Maurice Thompson, Hunting with the Bow and Arrow by Saxton Pope, and Ishi in Two Worlds by T. Kroeber. There is more, it will be for sale or donation at the rendezvous.

Best of luck to everyone in the upcoming deer season. See you at the rendezvous.

We would like to welcome our newest members to the UBI Family:

Mike Dryphoot of Wilmington

Drew Mason of New Lenox

Kevin Kucera of Darien

Jason Beaudry of Channahon

Ryan Duffy of Renault

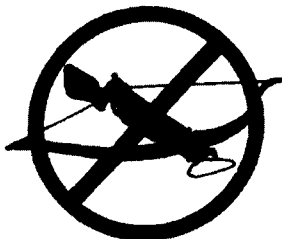
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UBI Crossbow Position Statement

The United Bowhunters of Illinois is adamantly opposed to the inclusion of any weapon that is not hand drawn and hand held in Illinois' archery season. Specifically, we are opposed to the use of the crossbow and the drawlock device, as well as any other weapon that does not require the shooter to draw by hand, hold by hand, and release by hand. Such weapons have the potential to negatively alter the primitive weapon status originally designated for archery seasons in Illinois

We are not opposed to the use of such devices by the truly handicapped, but we do question the legitimacy of some of these cases. Therefore we support all efforts by the IDNR to maintain the integrity in issuing handicap permits so as to minimize abuse in this practice

UBI Archery Season Position Statement

The United Bowhunters of Illinois is opposed to the creation of any new hunting season, or the extension of any existing hunting season which will decrease the length of the archery only season or displace the season into less favorable dates. While the United Bowhunters of Illinois recognizes the rights of hunters who choose to use other weapons in separate hunting seasons, we will oppose all efforts to include such users in Illinois' archery season

UBI Big Game Shooting Enclosure Position Statement

The United Bowhunters of Illinois opposes any big game hunting where the animal is within the confines of game proof enclosures. We oppose this despicable practice on the grounds of fair chase hunting, the threat of disease spreading from captive cervids to our wild deer populations, and the fact that privatizing wildlife is contrary to the North American model of game management. It is our position that the selling of hunts for big game animals that have been raised within an enclosure, or animals that currently are confined within an enclosure should be illegal in Illinois